NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to promulgate hunting seasons for resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XIX. HUNTING AND WMA REGULATIONS

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

\$101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30:1493 (July 2004), LR 31:1627 (July 2005), LR 32:1253 (July 2006), LR 33:1399 (July 2001)

2007), LR 34:1447 (July 2008), LR 35:1278 (July 2009), LR 36:1580 (July 2010), LR 37:2206 (July 2011), LR 38:1747 (July 2012), LR 39: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals

- A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	OPENS: 3 rd Saturday of November CLOSES: Last Day of February	10	20
Rabbit and Squirrel	OPENS: 1 st Saturday of October CLOSES: Last Day of February	8	16
Squirrel*	OPENS: 1 st Saturday of May for 23 days	3	6
Deer 2012-13 2013-14	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)
Deer 2013-14 <u>2014-15</u>	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal)	6/season (not to exceed 3 antlered deer or 4 antlerless deer)

*NOTE: Spring squirrel season is closed on the Kisatchie
National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers property. Some State Wildlife Management
Areas will be open, check WMA season schedule.

C. Deer Hunting Schedule, 2013-2014

Area	Archery	Primitive Firearms (All Either Sex Except as Noted)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
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D. 2013-2014 Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

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E. Deer Hunting Schedule 2014-2015

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F. 2014-2015 Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

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- G. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting
 Preserves: Archery, Firearm, Primitive Firearms: October 1 January 31 (Either-Sex).
- H. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

- I. Spring Squirrel Hunting
- 1. Season Dates: Opens 1st Saturday of May for 23 days.
- 2. Closed Areas: Kisatchie National Forest, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers property and all WMAs except as provided in Paragraph 3 below.
- 3. Wildlife Management Area Schedule: Opens 1st
 Saturday of May for 9 days on all WMAs except Fort Polk, Peason
 Ridge, Camp Beauregard, Pass-a-Loutre and Salvador. Dogs are
 allowed during this season for squirrel hunting. Feral hogs may
 not—be taken on Wildlife Management Areas during this season.
- 4. Limits: Daily bag limit is 3 and possession limit is 6.

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Public hearings will be held at the following locations: March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at LDWF Minden Office, 9961 Highway 80, Minden; March 19 beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville; March 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m., LDWF Monroe Office, 368 Centurytel Drive, Monroe; March 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Chalmette Elementary School Resource Center, 75 East Chalmette Circle, Chalmette; March 21 beginning at 6:00 p.m., USGS National Wetlands Research Center, 700 Cajundome Boulevard, Lafayette; March 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m., LSU Ag Center (next to Burton Coliseum), 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles; March 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Alexandria Convention Hall, 915 3rd Street, Alexandria; March 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Houma Municipal Auditorium, 880 Verret St., Houma; March 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m., Waddill Outdoor Education Center, 4142 North Flannery Road, Baton Rouge. Also comments will be accepted at regularly scheduled Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Meetings from March through May. Interested persons may submit written comments relative to the proposed rule until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013 to Mr. Steve Smith, Wildlife Division,

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898-9000, or via email to ssmith@wlf.la.gov.

The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Notice of Intent and the final Rule, including but not limited to, the filling of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filling of the Notice of Intent and final Rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of the 1999 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its

Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Ronald Graham
Chairman